



## **Do You Think Our Economy Will Ever Recover?** by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

### **QUESTION: Do you think our economy will ever recover?**

ANSWER: For every calamity, God promises a recovery.

1. "Calamity" (or "mischief") can be caused by "the wicked." God warns, however, that whatever "calamity" someone starts will turn on him/her. "Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him" (**Proverbs 26:27**). Good people are told: "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him" (**Proverbs 24:17-18**). God rewards good deeds, but He also "rewards" evil deeds as well! Don't forget that racial hatred was dealt with in this manner: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided" (**Esther 7:10**). What Haman wanted done to Jews was done to him on his 75- foot gallows! God will "reward" racial haters and racial baiters!
2. It is a lesson in patience to let God's justice be done. "Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked; For there will be no prospect for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out" (**Proverbs 24:19-20**). We are short-sighted because of our limitation of time, while God does not have that same limit. He, therefore, knows the "right time" to put out "the lamp of the wicked," and show Jesus to be "the light of the world" (**John 8:12**). Christians must stay ready to be "children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life" (**Philippians 2:15-16**).
3. It is an exercise of optimistic faith to have confidence in God. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand" (**Psalms 37:23-24**). "For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity" (**Proverbs 24:16**). There should remain a permanent optimism in those who "fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**). Paul well-stated this out-look: "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecute, but not forsaken; struck down, but now destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body" (**2 Corinthians 4:8-10**). Christians should be the most durable people on Earth.

4. Surely, society has learned a lesson about “our economy,” that none should put all their trust in money!

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy” (**1 Timothy 6:17**).

God, not government, should be praised for recovery!

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